



I hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted via first class mail to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on:

18 Jan 2006

Date of Deposit

Katherine A. Fallon
Signature of Person Mailing Paper

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Dennis L. Hammond : Attorney Docket: APX-12571-DIV
Serial No. 10/720590 : Group Art Unit: 1764
Filing Date: 24 November 2003 : Confirmation No. 5025
For: LUBRICANT SYSTEM FOR USE IN POWDERED :
METALS :

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

STATUS LETTER

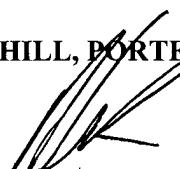
Sir:

The above-identified application was filed in the U.S. Patent Office on November 24, 2003 and an Information Disclosure Statement was mailed to the Patent Office on February 9, 2004. No Official Action has yet been received in the application.

Accordingly, may we please be advised approximately when we can expect the application to be taken up for consideration by the Patent Office.

Respectfully submitted,

RANKIN, HILL, PORTER & CLARK LLP


Kenneth A. Clark, Reg. No. 32,119

925 Euclid Avenue
Suite 700
Cleveland, Ohio 44115-1405
(216) 566-9700